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SUBJ: EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 8 EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL PARAS
1 AND 3 TO FONOFF REP (SEZAKI, FIRST ECONOMIC COOPERATION
DIVISION), STRESSING OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SUM OF GERMAN
FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR EGYPTIAN GENERAL IMPORTS FOR BALANCE
OF CY 1975 WOULD BE OVER \$100 MILLION, AND URGING FONOFF CON-
TINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EXIM FINANCING ABOVE AND BEYOND RECENT
50 MILLION DOLLAR EMERGENCY AID PLEDGE (TO COME FROM OECF).
IN RESPONSE, SEZAKI SAID HE NOW DOUBTS POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING
ADDITIONAL JAPANESE AID THIS CY. MAIN REASON FOR THIS, HE
SAID, IS FRG DECISION TO PROVIDE ONLY 50 MILLION DOLLARS
EMERGENCY NON-PROJECT AID. DISPATCH FROM GOJ EMBASSY
BONN INFORMING FONOFF OF THIS DECISION DID NOT
MENTION OUTSTANDING FRG COMMITMENT OF 155 MILLION DM,
HE SAID. EMBOFF REPEATED OUR UNDERSTANDING FRG TOTAL
NON-PROJECT AID WOULD EXCEED 100 MILLION DOLLARS, BUT
SEZAKI OFFERED NO ENCOURAGEMENT. SEZAKI DID SAY THAT
GOJ MISSION SOON TO BE SENT TO EGYPT TO STUDY ALEXANDRIA
PORT PROJECT WILL DISCUSS WITH GOE POSSIBILITY OF SWITCHING
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SOME OF PROMISED 50 MILLION DOLLARS PROJECT AID TO

COMMODITY AID. IF GOE AGREES, GOJ NON-PROJECT AID WOULD
THUS RISE ABOVE 50 MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: ASSUMING EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING
TOTAL FRG NON-PROJECT AID THIS CY IS CORRECT, DEPT MAY
WISH TO CONFIRM THIS FACT TO GOJ EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
ADDITIONALLY, DEPT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO GOE DESIRABILITY
OF SWITCHING SOME JAPANESE AID FROM PROJECT TO NON-PROJECT
PURPOSES TO MEET EMERGENCY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS.
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